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All of the references are in the English language, with the exception of DE 433836 Al and WO 00/14017, the precise relevance of which is set forth according to their citation in the International Search Report, a copy of which is also enclosed. We further enclose a copy of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability as prepared by the European Patent Office, which provides further discussion of these references.

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